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FM AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4853

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMCONSUL BUKAVU

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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0387

FROM LOVING/MACFARLANE/STEINER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: VAGNI TRIP

REF A KINSHASA 4655; B. DAR 1846; C. BUJUMBURA 381

1. REF B INDICATED THAT KIDNAPPERS LISTEN REGULARLY TO WIDE RANGE RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS. THIS REMOVES MUCH OF RATIONALE FOR SCENARIO ENVISIONED IN PARA TWO OF REF C.
2. GIVEN DELAYS IN SECURING GOZ APPROVAL OF VAGNI'S PARTICIPATION IN EFFORT TO SECURE RELEASE OF HOSTAGES, WE BELIEVE THAT CONSIDERATIONS OF TIMING NOW DICTATE THE FOLLOWING: IF VAGNI WISHES, LET HIM DEPART TO FIZI ON MISSION BUSINESS ON JUNE 04 AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO RETURN UVIRA BY EVENING JUNE 06. HE WOULD THUS BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS CASE IF DESIRED.

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3. REQUEST REPLIES FROM ACTION ADDRESSEES BEFORE 0600 ZULU

JUNE 04 BY IMMEDIATE
CABLE.

4. FOR KINSHASA: IF VAGNI DEPARTS, LOVING PROPOSES RETURN
BUKAVU ON JUNE 04 IN ORDER ATTEND TO PERSONAL MATTERS AND TO
TAKE UP NEW LANDROVER NOW IN UVIRA. WOULD BE PREPARED TO
RETURN BUJUMBURA ON SHORT NOTICE WHEN DESIRED. PLEASE
ADVISE IN SAME CABLE IN ORDER TO GET EARLY START JUNE 04 CLEARING
LANDROVER THROUGH ZAIRIAN CUSTOMS.
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